

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED

Fayette C. Clark of Bridgeport Named as Chairman of Committee on Manufactures.

BARTLETT LANDS ON JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Holzer Chairman of Capitol Furniture and Grounds Committee; Arnold Chairman of Committee on Constitutional Amendments; Manwaring on Three Committees.

(Special from United Press.) Hartford, Jan. 14.—Immediately after the opening of the session of the House today, Speaker Banks announced the following committees: Judiciary—Burns, Greenwich; Bush, Orange; Bartlett, Bridgeport; Malone, Bristol; Platt, Milford; Corbin, New London; Hurler, Middletown; Shedd, Preston; Agard, Torrington; Smith, Windham.

Cities and Boroughs—Scott, Plymouth; Quintard, Norwalk; Briggs, Fairfield; King, East Hartford; McDonald, Colchester; D'Esopo, Hartford; Parker, Meriden; Curtis, New Britain; Smith, New Britain.

Agriculture—Savage, Mansfield; Russell, Southbury; Wells, Westfield; Post, Westbrook; Foote, Hebron; Gallup, Voluntary; Smith, New Britain; Dean, Canaan; Thompson, East Windsor.

Excise—Marsden, Madison; Loos, New Britain; Bennett, Canterbury; Spring, Cheshire; Home, Montville; Taylor, Brookfield; Hastings, Windsor; Donovan, Meriden; Sumner, Bolton.

Fish and Game—Hall, Wallingford; Hyde, Orange; Lower, Brooklyn; Simpson, East Haddam; Wilcox, Cornwall; Smith, Groton; Pease, Enfield; Sears, Mansfield; Conery, Redding; Incorporated, Rockwood; Hartford; Bristol; North Canaan; Northrop, Ridgefield; Keach, Killingly; Broughton, Stonington; Gladding, Essex; Coffin, Windsor Locks; Angier, Vernon; Nixon, North Canaan.

Railroads—Chandler, Rocky Hill; Childs, Thompson; Chidsey, East Haven; Lieb, Groton; Rockwood, Durham; Lockwood, Greenwich; Strong, Warren.

Woman Suffrage—Thomlinson, Danbury; Francis, Durham; Humphrey, Roxbury; Newman, Union; Helm, Windsor; Plumb, Prospect; Hall, Lyme; Fields, Bozrah; Parmelee, Killingworth.

GUESTS DRIVEN FROM HOTEL BY FLAMES

Big Hostelry in Topeka Burned This Morning—Many Hurt and Some Are Missing.

(Special from United Press.) Topeka, Kas., Jan. 14.—Fire early today completely destroyed the Copeland Hotel, political headquarters of the Legislators causing heavy loss. Twenty persons are known to have been hurt and several are unaccounted for. One of the injured, A. W. Smith, of McPherson, a former candidate for the Republican nomination of Governor, is believed to be fatally injured.

SERBIAN KING MAY ABDICATE TO-DAY

Pressure of War Party Strong in Favor of Crown Prince George.

(Special from United Press.) Belgrade, Jan. 14.—The abdication of King Peter, of the Serbians, is imminent—possibly before 24 hours—according to a rumor that spread through the capital to-day. The king is reported to be in a state of bordering on war. Another version is that the war party has forced the king to agree to abdicate on account of his dissatisfaction with his Conservatism along all governmental lines.

DESCRIBES SCENE NEAR PALERMO

Returning Tourist Was in Earthquake District Following the Great Disaster.

(Special from United Press.) New York, Jan. 14.—Arrived the steamer Republic which arrived this morning from Genoa, was A. A. Hurford of Canton, Ohio, who was in the vicinity of the earthquake in Italy and witnessed many harrowing scenes. He said: "I was waiting at Naples for my steamer and decided to take a trip to Palermo. Early in the morning the train stopped at Polimi. Here the entire population augmented by refugees from many other towns, were in a state of frenzy. I did not know what the trouble was but I saw many bodies and many wounded and the women and children were huddled together in the streets crying hysterically. When the train finally reached Palermo, the scene was a picture of horror. The train would go no farther as the country had been devastated by an earthquake."

Oppose Re-election of President Donahue

There is going to be some opposition to the re-election of Charles J. Donahue as president of the Connecticut Federation of Labor at the approaching convention to be held in Hartford. A number of Bridgeport delegates were identified with the opposition to Donahue at the convention held in this city a year ago, and already the work of lining up delegates in opposition to Donahue has been started in this city, and John J. O'Neill is being talked of as a candidate for the presidency.

BIG SALARY FOR WHITE SOX MANAGER

Chicago, Jan. 14.—Fielder Allison Jones will manage the Chicago White Stockings next season. For doing so he will receive the largest salary paid to any manager in the big leagues—\$15,000. The contract has not yet been signed that brings the "Timber King" back to the White Sox, but Jones has come to Chicago from Oregon nearly a month to sign the document. Jones was apparently sincere in his determination to win the national game, but the offer of \$15,000 was too good to be turned down and so he has deserted the Retired Brigade and will put in one more season as leader of the Six.

M'KEEL PESTERED BY WOMAN

Grant McKeel, of 544 Newfield avenue made complaint to Superintendent Birmingham this morning that the woman who has been known in the vicinity as his wife was drunk and raising a disturbance at his home. Superintendent Birmingham gave orders to have the woman ejected from McKeel's premises if she continued to force herself upon him.

FAILED TO PASS EXAMINATION

(Special from United Press.) New York, Jan. 14.—Despondent because of his failure to pass examinations for a position Jesse Curr, aged 27 attempted suicide by inhaling illuminating gas to-day in his boarding house. When he recovered consciousness at the hospital, Curr expressed regret at the failure of his attempt and told of his hopeless fate.

AMERICAN SHIPS NEAR MARSEILLES

(Special from United Press.) Marseilles, Jan. 14.—Messages received by the French authorities to-day say the battleship Georgia will arrive here to-night and the Nebraska, Rhode Island and New Jersey to-morrow. At the request of the authorities no official function will be given the Americans. The officers and men will be given the freedom of the city and all amusement places where special programs have been arranged will be free to visit.

PNEUMONIA MORE DANGEROUS THAN TUBERCULOSIS

Statistics of Health Department Show Surprising Conditions.

SHORTER PERIOD DISEASE MORE FATAL THAN THE DREADED "WHITE PLAGUE"

Alarming Increase in Fatalities from Pneumonia With Gratifying Decrease in Number of Cases of Consumption.

Old 1908 left a fine record for health in this city. The records of the board of Health show a big falling off in the number of deaths during the year. They demonstrate that the number of deaths has not kept pace with the increase in the population. There were 1,396 deaths from all causes in the city during the year 1908. The number of deaths in 1899 was 1,071. A conservative estimate of the growth of the city in the last ten years is 40 per cent. The death rate usually increases in much greater ratio than the population. So that Bridgeport has kept well within the limit and will compare favorably with any other city in this respect. The following table will be of use to those who wish to make comparisons:

Year.	Total number of deaths.	Tuberculosis.	Pneumonia.
1899	1,071	157	78
1900	1,260	143	136
1901	1,224	174	122
1902	1,221	148	120
1903	1,312	143	149
1904	1,320	165	139
1905	1,314	163	165
1906	1,461	163	165
1907	1,597	175	197
1908	1,396	146	129

Tuberculosis and pneumonia are the leaders in the causes of death. It will be noticed from the preceding table that death from tuberculosis, (the figure included in the number of cases of pneumonia) has been steadily decreasing during the last ten years and that death from pneumonia has been steadily increasing. The percentage based on the fact that the city has increased 40 per cent in population during that time, or about 40 per cent. The number of cases of tuberculosis is less in 1908 than in 1899, the number of cases of pneumonia was about 60 per cent. of the number of cases of tuberculosis. In spite of the number of cases of pneumonia the number of deaths from tuberculosis by 22 in 1908 as compared with 78 in 1899.

EDGAR ALLEN POE BORN IN BOSTON

Long Search of Musty Documents Reveals Poet's Birthplace and Clears Mystery.

(Special from United Press.) Boston, Jan. 14.—That Edgar Allen Poe was born in Boston 109 years ago this month is a discovery made by Walter Kendall Watkins, Genealogist and historian who for years has been searching for the forgotten manuscript records in order to ascertain the place of information which has hitherto baffled every biographer of Poe.

NOTED NEW YORK ARTIST TO MANAGE BENEFIT CONCERT

Maestro Sullivan a leading musical artist of New York City, well and favorably known among the musical residents of this city and who has charge of the coming concert at Polli's Theatre on Sunday January 24, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the Italian earthquake sufferers, has about completed arrangements for the event. Manager Polli has donated the use of his theatre for the affair which will be a musical treat and will undoubtedly attract a large audience, both because of the merits of the artists and the cause in which the entertainment is to be given. Tickets for the entertainment can be procured of the members of the Italian Relief committee of which Sheriff Louis Richards is the chairman.

LADIES' DAY AT SEASIDE CLUB

To-day, Jan. 14th, has been set aside by the board of Governors of the Seaside Club as Ladies' Day at that institution.

HAINS NERVOUS AS HE NEARS END OF TRIAL

Widow of Murdered Man Sobs Audibly as Story of Crime is Told By Prosecution.

HER PRESENCE IN COURT MAY HAVE EFFECT ON JURY

Prosecutor Darrin Unmercifully Scores the Hains Brothers in His Closing Argument in Great Murder Case—Judge Will Charge Jury and Give Them the Case Late To-day.

(Special from United Press.) Flushing, Jan. 14.—Mrs. William E. Annis, widow of the slain Bayville Yacht Club member, had the center of the stage in the Thornton J. Hains murder trial today. Seated in a front seat in the court room less than ten feet away from the jury box she listened intently to the summing up speech of Prosecutor Darrin. Occasionally her frame shook with sobs and tears coursed down her cheeks as she heard again the story of her husband's death.

ALPHA CHAPTER OF KAPPA MU SIGMA

To Give Dance Tomorrow Evening at the Stratford.

The Stratford tomorrow evening will be the scene of one of the prettiest and most brilliant functions held there this season, when the Alpha Chapter of Kappa Mu Sigma Sorority holds its annual reception and dance. The sorority will dance to a program of twenty-two dances. Many will attend from out of town to represent the other chapters of the society.

ESCAPED TRAIN BY A NARROW MARGIN

Israel Lazarus is Dragged from the Track in Front of Train and Receives Only Slight Injuries.

Israel Lazarus, 43 years old, of 86 Powell street, presented himself at the emergency hospital last night and asked to have several lacerations on his hands and wrists dressed. Lazarus was compelled to change cars at Cedar Hill, the first station east of New Haven on the Consolidated road, last night. While crossing the tracks he did not notice an approaching train and was dragged from the track by other passengers just in time to save his life. In the process he fell to the ground and received his injuries by being run over by the wheels of the train. He is not seriously injured.

POLICE BREAK UP WRETCHED HOME

People Who Exist Without Fire or Furniture Sent to Jail as an Agreeable Change.

Helen Rowe and William Johnson who have been existing for some time in rooms in Middle street opposite No. 5, engaged by the police, were taken to court this morning on account of an assault which the woman charged the man with committing. The officers searched the place and found the place times looking up delinquents, assert that it is beyond description and the most wretched abode in the city. When the officers last visited the place there was no fire and the tenants were huddled on the floor in bundles of rags and bags to keep warm. The man was charged with the assault on a charge of prostitution, and the woman was charged with assault and drunkenness.

BANDITS DYNAMITE SAFE AND GET AWAY WITH \$6,000

(Special from United Press.) El Paso, Texas, Jan. 14.—Bandits today dynamited the safe of the El Luvado Ore Mining Company in the Uruguay district, Mexico, securing \$6,000. It is reported from Torreon, Mexico, that Juan Vicente, mail carrier between Rodeo and Durango, was murdered and the mail sacks filled with \$200.

PROPOSED SEWER SYSTEM ENDANGERS OYSTER INDUSTRY

Engineer Hering Says Amount of Capital Invested in Oyster Grounds Should Be Considered.

CARRYING SEWAGE TO DEEP WATER LIKELY TO CAUSE THE SETTLEMENT OF DISEASE GERMS UPON THE BIVALVES—REPORT AROUSES THE OYSTERMEN.

According to the statement of Rudolph Hering, the famous sanitary expert, the proposed modern sewer system for this city is going to kill the oyster industry off Bridgeport, Stratford and Fairfield when the city grows in population sufficiently to require the sewerage outfall to empty into deep water.

The information has reached the ears of a number of oystermen today, and in all probability the Oyster Growers Association and the Natural Growth Oystermen's Association will take action on the matter. Hering in his report to the Sewer Commission has said that the proposed sewerage system will cause the settlement of disease germs upon the bivalves.

"The amount of water necessary to dilute the sewage is such that it is not offensive. At the present time it is found that a flow of lake water equal to three cubic feet per second per thousand people is sufficient to keep the water clear. It is not visible nor is there any odor nor is there an injury done to the fishing interests."

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BODY OF DEAD CHINAMAN SHIPPED TO NEW YORK

Wong Chung, one of the proprietors of the laundry at the corner of Broad and John streets, died suddenly yesterday morning at his place of business after only a few hours illness. The deceased was one of the oldest and probably the wealthiest of the celestials in this city. He was 51 years of age and lived in this country over twenty years, all of which time he resided in this city. At one time he was a member of the First Congregational church during the pastorate of Dr. Palmer, but since that time he has not attended any church regularly. The deceased was in his usual good health during the week before he died. He was taken ill about Tuesday night he was taken ill and a doctor was summoned. The doctor worked over him for three hours and then left. After his death he became unconscious and soon died.

MAYORS COMING HERE IN JULY

State Association Accepts Invitation of Mayor Lee to Meet Here This Summer.

The Mayor's Association of Connecticut in session at Hartford yesterday accepted the invitation of Mayor Henry Lee to hold the meeting, next July in this city. Mayor Lee brought with him from the convention a copy of an ordinance prepared for the common council of Hartford relative to the collection of military poll taxes, but which will be held in abeyance pending action by the General Assembly upon a bill proposed by Tax Commissioner W. H. Corbin.

DANBURY HATTER FOUND DEAD IN BED

(Special from United Press.) Danbury, Jan. 14.—James J. McInerney, 27, a hatter, was found dead in bed today, the victim of accidental chloroforming, it is thought. The man suffered with severe neuralgic troubles and was advised by his physician to use a solution of chloroform. It is supposed that in trying to stop the pain he inhaled the fatal fumes.

CAUCUS CALLED FOR WEDNESDAY

Hartford, Jan. 14.—Republican members of the Legislature from New Haven county held a caucus here before today's session and decided to caucus Wednesday for their choice for a man to succeed the late County Commissioner Foot.

EAMES SAYS ESTIMATE IS NOT EXCESSIVE

Figures Submitted by Sewer Commission Based Upon Thorough Investigation.

PROVISION MADE FOR CITY OF 300,000

Is Confident That Plans of Commission Will Be Regarded With Public Favor When Question Is Fully Understood—No Need for Hurry.

"The sewer commission is not jobbing the city and none of its members have an ax to grind," said George M. Eames of the commission this morning when asked about the report of the commission as compared with the report of the engineers, Hering & Fuller. The former makes it appear that the cost of the sewers will be \$1,750,000, and the engineers say the cost will ultimately be approximately \$3,000,000.

There was no intention to mislead anyone, Eames said. The expenditure of \$1,750,000 the commission finds will be necessary for the preliminary work. The commission when it started had to provide plans for a city for 50 years to come. It was estimated that the city would have a population of 300,000 in that time and advised the planning of a system to accommodate a city of that size. The engineer found it would ultimately cost three millions and that the cost of the work needed in the early future would be \$1,750,000. This early work is the foundation for the entire system. If a man was building a foundation for a building that he intended to increase in size he would put in a good foundation would he not? That is what we tried to do.

"The commission was instructed to formulate a sewer system to meet the present and future needs of the city. It is the duty of the commission to secure the services of the best sanitary experts in the world and it has secured the plans for a sewer service which will always be available to the city whenever the city is ready to go ahead with the project whether it is this year or five years from now. It is \$5,000 well spent. When you come to think that the city has already spent about \$200,000 for the kind of sewer it has, and that the expenditure covers the sixty odd years the city has been incorporated is it too much to ask \$3,000,000 for sewers of the modern kind during the next fifty years?"

"I feel confident that the city will eventually make use of the plans which the commission has provided for the city and there is no need for the Federal governments will step in and tell us that we have got to stop the emptying the sewage into our harbor. The great movement for sanitation which is being carried on about the country are demanding better conditions everywhere. We know the magnitude of the fight against tuberculosis and the fact that the city is ready to be a campaign against unsanitary conditions. We know the condition of our harbor now because it is the outlet of our sewers and there is no need to be a campaign against unsanitary conditions. We know the condition of our harbor now because it is the outlet of our sewers and there is no need to be a campaign against unsanitary conditions."

"There is no need for any great hurry in this matter; and the plans will be held in abeyance pending action by the General Assembly upon a bill proposed by Tax Commissioner W. H. Corbin."

STATE ASSOCIATION ACCEPTS INVITATION OF MAYOR LEE TO MEET HERE THIS SUMMER

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LOCAL CONCERNS TO INCREASE CAPITAL STOCK

Petitions Filed With Legislature Today By U. M. C. Co. and Bridgeport Gas Light Co.

(Special from United Press.) Hartford, Jan. 14.—When the Senate convened today immediately after the appointment of members of the joint committees were read, Governor Lillie sent in the nomination of Charles B. Waller, son of ex-Governor Waller, to be judge of the court of Common Pleas of New London county. Senator Penn introduced a bill creating all the ferries over the Connecticut and Thames rivers and providing that the State should take them over. Senator Fenn also introduced several bills for minor changes in the fish and game laws, the most important being one providing for the closed season for shad from June 21 to March 21. The Senate then, through a committee resolution, appointed Senators Barnum, Middleton and Turner as a committee on Senate appointments.

Speaker Banks presided at today's session of the House and after prayer several bills were introduced, among them one to increase the capital stock of the United Metallic Cartridge Company of Bridgeport to not more than \$5,000,000. Another was introduced to increase the capital stock of the Bridgeport Gas Light Company to not more than \$2,000,000.

A resolution was offered appointing W. B. Coit and Daniel M. Cronin judges and deacons, respectively, of the New London court.

(UNCLASSIFIED.)

SPECIAL FRIDAY.—Don't let this go by. Men's oak sewed soles and heels, 75c. A 14 a p o

SOCIAL DANCE at Lyceum Hall, Saturday evening. Prizes, waiters. A 14 b p o

LADIES' SPECIAL FRIDAY.—Oak sewed soles and rubber heels, 75c. Sterling, 275 State. A 14 a p o

A TRAINED NURSE is wanted to accompany a young man to Europe. Inquire Mr. Irving Sander, 606 Broad St. A 14 s p o

WANTED.—Competent cook; no laundry work. Two adults. Mrs. Frank Miller, 355 Seaview Ave. A 14 s p o

TO RENT.—Desirable 4 and 5 room flats with improvements, East End. Very low rent. One month free. Inquire at M. Wittstein's jewelry store, 1180 Main St. A 14 d p o

YOU GET TRIMMED every time you have your corns cut. It only makes them spread. Go to Dr. Mansfield, Room 103, Mengs Bldg., and have them cured. A 14 s p o

FOR SALE.—Two family, 12 room house with improvements. One minute's walk from depot. Good yard and barn. Address "House" this office. A 14 s p o

WANTED.—Six boys about 15 years old for running errands. Wages \$1 per week. American British Manufacturing Company. A 14 s p o

NOW IS THE TIME to cover your pipes, boilers and furnaces and save the cost in coal in one winter. Open evenings until 8 o'clock. Tel. 2367. John P. Walsh, 114 South St. T 5 s 2 4 6 o

WINDOW GLASS.—We will sell you any kind of glass you need. Let it for you, too, at reasonable prices. Beckhoff & Bennett, 697 East Main St. G 6 t t 2 4 e

FOR SALE.—High grade upright piano, cheap. Square piano, 50 cts. a week. 12 Piano Boxes, good for ash box or chicken coops. 844 Noble Ave. S 24 t 2 4 e

CASCA LAXINE tablets, the thing for constipation and stomach troubles. G 1 s o

A. FRANK, Optician and Loan office, has removed to 1214 Main St. 12 t o

TO RENT.—4 large rooms, all improvements. Moderate. Lafayette St. A 13 s p o

TO RENT.—Six room flat, all improvements. 57 E. Kalb ave., \$16. Inquire 888 Broad St. A 13 s p o

OLD GLORY WHIST.—Every Friday afternoon, 268 State St. Price 15 cts. A 13 b p a

PLAYERPIANO, high grade, nearly new, for sale on account of leaving the city. Will sell at a sacrifice if cash buyer. Can be seen between 12 to 1 and 7 to 9 p. m. Address F. J. C. P. O. Box 2166, or phone 1125 for appointment. A 13 b t

TO RENT.—3 rooms stationary tub and gas \$7, 1913 Seaview avenue. A 12 s p o

FOR SALE.—Upright piano, worth \$350, for \$150, with 10 years guarantee. 844 Noble avenue. A 12 d e

FOR SALE.—One Weber upright piano, in walnut case. Original cost \$300. Now \$175. Our guarantee. Steiner's Piano Store, 915 Main Street, near State. A 12 s o

FOR SALE.—Another Steinway upright piano. Cost originally \$700. Now \$250. Time payments if desired. Steiner's Piano Store, 915 Main St. near State. A 12 s o

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